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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Alexander Jan Carel DE VRIES et al.

Group Art Unit: 3682

Application No.: 10/080,714

Examiner: T. T. Nguyen

Filed: February 25, 2002

Docket No.: 105531.01

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A ROLLING ELEMENT BEARING WITH
IMPROVED ROLLING CONTACT SURFACES

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification attached hereto. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a roller element bearing comprising an inner ring, an outer ring, and a series of rolling elements, a rolling surface of each rolling element in contact with a raceway surface formed in each of the inner and the